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Commercial Shallow-Water Grouper Season to Close November 15

BILOXI, Miss. – The commercial fishing season for shallow-water grouper (red, gag, black, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind and red hind) will close **November 15, 2004 at 12:01 a.m.** when the National Marine Fisheries Service determines the commercial shallowwater grouper quota of 5.31 million pounds has been reached.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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